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NPIC/PEG (11/82)Copy 208**XIA SSBN
HULUDAO NAVAL BASE SHIPYARD AND PORT FACILITY, CHINA**

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1. (SWN) SIGNIFICANCE: PREPARATIONS FOR PROBABLE REACTOR STARTUP ON THE XIA NUCLEAR-POWERED BALLISTIC MISSILE SUBMARINE (SSBN) ARE UNDERWAY.

2. (SWN) REMARKS: [REDACTED] THE CAISSON GATE OF THE FITTING-OUT DOCK HAS BEEN REMOVED AND THE FOUR-TANK NUCLEAR SUBMARINE SUPPORT BARGE HAS BEEN MOVED INTO THE DOCK AND IS ALONGSIDE THE XIA SSBN. THE FOUR-TANK SUPPORT BARGE WAS USED IN THE PAST WITH THE SECOND HAN NUCLEAR-POWERED ATTACK SUBMARINE (SSN) DURING THE REACTOR STARTUP.

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(SWN) ACTIVITY AT THE MISSILE TEST SUPPORT FACILITY (NOT ON GRAPHIC) [REDACTED] INCLUDES THE RETURN OF THE JIANGDONG GUIDED MISSILE FRIGATE (FFG) UNIT 1 AND THE APPARENT INSTALLATION OF AT LEAST THREE EXOCET LAUNCHERS ON THE MODIFIED HOUKU MISSILE ATTACK BOAT (PTG). THIS JIANGDONG FFG IS THE TEST PLATFORM FOR THE CSA-NX-1 SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE. THE SHIP HAD DEPARTED PORT BETWEEN [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] NO INDICATIONS OF MISSILE LAUNCH ACTIVITY CAN BE DISCERNED. AT LEAST THREE EXOCET LAUNCHERS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED ON THE MODIFIED HOUKU PTG, AND THE SHIP HAS MOVED FROM THE QUAY AND IS MOORED WITH THE STANDARD HOUKU PTG. THREE AND POSSIBLY FOUR EXOCET LAUNCHERS HAD BEEN REMOVED BY [REDACTED] INDICATING THAT RECENT MISSILE FIRINGS HAD OCCURRED.

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3. [REDACTED] COORDINATES 40-43-16N 120-59-26E

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